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25X1C 1. Following a brief private conversation, the DCI presided at the debriefing of Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) regarding his recent trip to Indochina. Representatives of DDP, OCI, ORR and ONE were present. Following the Senator's presentation and the question period Mr. Wisner and members of his staff briefed the Senator on certain operational problems and activities [redacted] Senator Mansfield only alluded to his bill once to me in the course of our drive in which he stated that he felt that such a bill would be extremely helpful to CIA and would serve as a protection similar to that provided by the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

2. ^{help} I called on Sen. Fred Seaton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and he assured ^{help} me that the Department would continue to back us up in any legislative matters in which we needed assistance, and ^{help} assured him that he would have our cooperation.

25X1A 3. [redacted] of the Logistics Office brought to ^{help's} my attention a letter which Senator Bricker had written to the Department of Commerce regarding the award of a contract for the purchase of 100,000 pounds of coating compound, regarding which he had received a complaint from one of his constituents who had not had an opportunity to bid on the contract (which was a negotiated one). The Department of Commerce must answer Senator Bricker's letter, and ^{help} I have told the Logistics Office that ^{help} I will consider the appropriate steps to take in this connection.